REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

The light decoupling unit 24 disclosed by Ott is not a real light source but an element connected to an optical fiber which is, in turn, connected to a real light source in the other end thereof. (See column 1, lines 19 to 23.) The light source is arranged at the distant end of a decoupling bay 3 via an optical fiber 2. (See column 3, lines 42 to 45.)

Therefore, Ott does not disclose the lamp body for holding therein a lamp, and the heating element mounted within such a lamp body and apart from such a lamp.

Konishi, moreover, does not remedy the deficiencies of Ott and teach a lamp body for holding therein a lamp. Accordingly, the combination of cited references does not teach the claimed invention and the rejection for obviousness should be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

The Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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